INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids, subject to the conditions contained herein, will be accepted by the Warren County Financial Management Committee at the Warren County Administrative Building, Office of the Finance Director, 201 Locust Street, Suite 2, McMinnville, Tennessee, 37110 up to but no later than 3:00 P. M. Central Time on Thursday, January 31, 2013 and then publicly opened and read for Replacement of Existing Fire Alarm System with a New Fire Detection and Alarm System at the Warren County Courthouse, Court Square, McMinnville, Tennessee.

A <u>MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE</u> will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 2:00 P.M. CT in the Entry Foyer on the Main Floor of the Warren County Courthouse, 111 South Court Square, McMinnville, TN. All interested parties must attend the pre-bid meeting in order to submit a bid for consideration.

Bid documents may be examined at the following locations:

Engineering Consultants & Design, Inc. McKenzie C. Roberts, P. E. 105 Market Street McMinnville, TN 37110 (931) 473-8298 Warren County Finance Department 201 Locust Street, Suite 2 McMinnville, TN 37110 (931) 473-2381

Knoxville Builders Exchange

Copies may be obtained at the office of Engineering Consultants & Design, Inc. upon payment of \$100.00 for each set. Make all checks payable to: Engineering Consultants & Design, Inc. All out-of-town contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, etc. requesting a bid set to be mailed or shipped to them will be responsible for shipping costs.

For more information regarding bids, please contact Warren County Executive John Pelham at (931) 473-2505 or Warren County Finance Director Linda G. Hillis at (931) 473-2381.

Bidders submitting bids equal to or greater than \$25,000.00 in value are required to be licensed in accordance with state law. A five percent (5%) bid security is required.

Bids will be awarded accordingly as prescribed by law, which state "lowest and best". A Supreme Court ruling states that the discerning of best lies solely on those requesting the bid and not the bidder. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of Forty-Five (45) Days after date set for opening of the bids.

Award of the bid will be dependent upon availability of funding and subject to budget limitations. The right is reserved as the interest of Warren County, Tennessee may require to accept or reject any or all bids received, to accept or reject any item thereon, to waive any informalities in bidding, and/or to abandon or postpone this project without any obligation to bidders. In case of tie bids, Warren County, Tennessee reserves the right to negotiate with bidders.

WARREN COUNTY PURCHASING COMMISSION Linda G. Hillis, Chairman John Pelham, County Executive

PUBLIC NOTICE TITLE VI OF THE 1964 CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

"No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."